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Mrs. Logan suggested that the board authorize the conditional acceptance of all available

The committee on text books recommended that the Eclectic Physical Geography, Andrews' Grammar, and the Constitution and Thorp's Civics be adopted for use in the eight colored schools; that the purchase of said books in the aggregate be furnished for each eighth grade school by the superintendent; and that the purchase of said books is optional on the part of the school board.

The board was informed through an order of the Commissioners that the school building at 57th street between New Hampshire avenue and 58th street, known as Adams school, in honor of President John Adams.

The appointment of a new eighth grade teacher in the colored schools, as suggested

and presented by Dr. Francis, was deferred until the next meeting. Also the proposition by Mr. Cornish to increase the pay of the janitor of the industrial school in the common schools.

JANITORS' POSITIONS, ETC.

Applications for janitors' positions were received from Geo. R. Kidwell and Charles V. Kiewick and referred back to the application with directions to apply to the trustee in whose school the position is desired.

The extension of the absence of W. M. E. Church for one year was granted.

The appointment of Daniel Briggs as janitor in the Burrville building was approved and the salary of \$1.00 per week was granted. The teacher, The salary of F. L. Emory, teacher of manual training, was ordered to be increased from \$850 to \$1,200. An application for a position of cook was received from Mrs. M. A. Linder. An application for a position of janitor was received from Mrs. Dean for a janitor's position in

The public school will be opened on the 16th of September, instead of the 16th, as was announced last year.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

THE HOUSES IN PROSPECT AVENUE TO BE MOVED.

On Prospect avenue between 27th and 28th streets there are a number of small, frame houses partially in the street. Numerous efforts have been made to have them vacated and moved. It will be remembered that on the 16th of last May the old board of Commissioners, acting upon numerous complaints from property owners in the vicinity of Prospect avenue, recommended that Capt. Symons, inspector of the police, be authorized to remove the houses in question by notifying the occupants of the same to vacate the premises within thirty days. At the expiration of the time specified the houses were not removed, and the houses still stood. Upon the recommendation

time for removal was extended several times to the last date of expiration being July 17, 1918. The 19th instant, Lieut. Hollnbecker called on the Commissioner and in case after case there seemed to be no disposition to remove the occupants to move. The case was then submitted to Attorney Riddle for his opinion as to the Commissioner's power to remove the occupants. He said: "There can be no doubt as to the power and as little of the necessity for its exercise. I would send a prudent, careful officer to the houses and to the barracks of police with laborers—a man who understands the structures—and move them onto some vacant common ground, doing as little damage as possible to the goods. The Commissioners will issue an order short of directing the police to move the houses at once."

LEAVES WITH PAY OF PER DIEM EMPLOYEES
There is under the District government a number of clerks not on the regular roll, but on a temporary basis.

for the cases they are paid from appropriations for other things. These clerks are paid by the day and every day lost is charged against the person some time or other. The clerk applied for leave of absence with pay, being a per diem employee the request was granted. Superintendent of Streets Moss then ordered him to the jail as the character of the clerks, and addressed a communication to the Commissioners asking if it was not possible to give them leave with pay. The matter will be taken up by the Commissioners, and it is possible that the per diem employees will be per diem employees in the District but will not have with pay.

Cruelty to Animals.

A small colored boy named Richard Brooker who scarcely tall enough to see over the clerk's desk, was arraigned in Police Court this morning, charged with cruelty to animals—whipping a horse with a piece of stick in whi-

Valentine Smoker forfeited \$10 for cruelty to animals. He was under the influence of liquor at the time.

Payne Gordon was charged with herfeeling a horse unit for labor and he forfeited \$5 dollars.

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GEORGETOWN.

HARRY L. CHAPPELLER'S FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Harry L. Chappeller took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 2804 N street. The pall bearers were Messrs. Raymond Walker, Samuel Walker, John Taylor, Charles Brown, Chris O'Neal, Wm Goodrich, Rev. Drs. Stuart and Tongue of the church. The remains were interred in O Hill.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Messrs. Bradley & Chasler, real estate agents, have sold to Donald Miller one of the newly erected houses

CATTLE MARKET.—The following prices were quoted at Drover's Best, D. C., are reported: Obeduck and eighty-five cattle up and down; best beef, 15¢; good, 35¢; to 8½¢; medium, 70¢; to 65¢; poor, 55¢; to 50¢; sheep, 25¢; lambs, 5¢; to 6½¢; pig, 25¢; to 35¢; and milk cows, 50¢. Ten cows and calves, 25¢ to 30¢ each; calves, 10¢ to 15¢ each; pigs, 10¢ to 15¢ each. Shipping 44 cattle to eastern markets.

A RAZOR CARRIER FINED.—A negro named Hackson was arrested on the 29th inst. charged with carrying a razor without license. After being placed under arrest he drew a razor from his pocket and attempted to throw it away, but the officer was quick to catch him, and took charge of the weapon. When asked why he carried a razor the negro denied that he had the razor and said that the officer "had it in for him." He was fined \$30 or 30 days for carrying a razor without license.

TEN DOLLARS FOR CHARITY.—The Oak Springs church club sent to the station yesterday afternoon a box containing a collection for the benefit of a recent entertainment.

TEMPERATURE AND CONDITION OF WATER.—**N. E.—**Great Falls, temperature, 78; condition, B. Bozeman, temperature, 79; condition, C. Great Falls, temperature, 79; condition, A. Helena, temperature, 76; condition, B. Distributing reservoir, temperature, 79. Condition at influent gate house, 79. Condition at effluent gate house, 36; low tide in the river below at 10:36 p.m.; high tide at 4:32 p.m.

MRS. SMITH CONFESSES.

Ber Plot for Getting Rid of Her Husband Planned Him Try to Kill Himself.

One of the strangest cases that ever came before a Chicago court is that of Jas. Smith, it was learned today from the report of Judge McCannell's court on Saturday. After having attempted to commit suicide in July,

was convicted of having committed an offense. Mrs. Smith's wife has been devoted to him since he was arrested and is allowed to nurse him now as he lies in bed. It is said that his arrest would never have taken place had she not insisted upon his arrest. After his arrest, Mrs. Smith was connected to the state's attorney by the fact that her charge against her husband was a felony, and she made a statement to the state's attorney, and charged for the purpose of securing a divorce. Serious charges against Mrs. Smith are pending. The state's attorney is endeavoring to secure evidence to sustain the allegations against her. Smith stabbed himself in open court upon the verdict was rendered, and left the court room. He was arrested and taken to the hospital. He was not testified on the stand that he was not guilty of the crime. Smith's attorney would not say yesterday whether he intended taking

INLAND PARK.—Personally conducted secret trial of the Smiths on Thursday, August 1. Don't fail to mention the names of the jury and the names of the attorneys. No extra charge. Round trip to Baltimore leaves Baltimore and Ohio station 8:30 a.m.

Bruce Armstrong, one of the oldest and best known of the residents of Kansas City, Kansas, died at his home at 1501 Pacific street, Wednesday, slipped and fell between the cars. His body was found on the tracks. The cause of the fall was caused over both legs, completely severing them from his body.

John J. O'Connell, a well known attorney, died yesterday at Capital Station.